

ABSTRACT

A device for picking up animal excrement or other refuse that includes a disposable replaceable collection box placed in a saddle box. The saddle box is attached to an elongated handle which includes an outer tubular member surrounding an inner shaft. The saddle cooperates with chambers molded outward on the exterior of the disposable box to control opening and closing of the disposable box. A button like switch protrudes through the outer tubular member of the handle and is attached to the inner shaft member. Downward force applied to the switch transmits the force through the inner shaft, and causes downward motion of a pusher plate attached to the end of the inner shaft. The pusher plate applies the force to the disposable box through a ridge on the top of the box, thereby causing outward deflection of the side walls of the saddle box and inducing the box to open to receive dung. A pair of segregating flaps are attached to the interior of the box so that when the device is inverted, the flaps segregate the dung in the top portion of the box and prevent its falling out. In this manner another pile of refuse can be collected. The device presents the advantage that the user can replace the disposable box with inexpensive, easily molded replacement boxes by shaking the disposable box out from the saddle box and replacing it.